

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 9002 - SB 9003

October 28, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes an election for school board members to be conducted on a partisan basis and for a person seeking a position on a school board to campaign as the nominee of a political party.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (010248): Removes and adds language to the original bill such that the only substantive change is to authorize political parties to nominate candidates for membership on a local school board by any method authorized under the rules of the party or by primary election under Title 2.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- School board member elections are held in even-numbered years.
- In Presidential Preference Primary years, the state reimburses counties for the cost of holding the primary election. However, placing the school board offices on primary election ballots will not result in any additional expenditures to the state or local government.
- County executive committees are currently allowed to call for primary elections and are encouraged to include the cost of a May primary, in non-Presidential Preference Primary years, in their county budget. Therefore, if a primary has been called, the proposed legislation would not result in additional expenditures for local governments associated with placing school board offices on primary election ballots.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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